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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the Related Background Art section of the specification. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,113,067 corresponds to enclosed Japanese Document No. 2-214372 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-46139 (not enclosed but discussed beginning on page 1, line 23 of the


specification), and European Patent Document No. 0 821 258 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 10-39136.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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